

Announcements

August 3rd to August 10th

Sunday, August 3rd

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist @ **Trinity Chapel**, Rev. William Bergmann

Wednesday, August 6th

4 p.m.: St. Paul's Meal. Contact Paul Ackroyd for more information.

Thursday, August 7th

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: St. Mark's office open

Sunday, August 10th

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist @ **St. Mark's**, Rev. William Bergmann

Service at Fort Pond on Sunday - CHANGE OF DATE - August 17

The Hoopers from Trinity Chapel have graciously opened their camp on Fort Pond in Lancaster. Parking is limited, so we are being asked to arrive at 9:30 AM at Trinity Chapel in Shirley and carpool to the pond. The Hoopers will be hosting a cookout after an Eucharist on the beach. Please bring a small side dish or dessert. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Summer Worship Schedule

In July and August, we will be alternating worship services between St. Mark's and Trinity Chapel in Shirley. This will allow our Altar Guilds and ushers to have a break and allow us to enjoy Rev. Bergmann's sermons every Sunday. Trinity Chapel's address: 184 Center Rd, Shirley, MA.

August 3	at Trinity Chapel
August 10	at St. Mark's
August 17	at Hooper's cottage on Fort Pond
August 24	at St. Mark's
August 31	at Trinity Chapel

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Volunteer Opportunities

The next soup kitchen is on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**. We will be serving our popular meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert, bread, and milk. If you would like to be added to the sign-up for donations, email Paul Ackroyd at phackroyd@verizon.net. Drop-off is at St. Mark's (outside the admin wing - right-hand side of the building).

Are you called to serve at Worship? Chalice Bearers Needed

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join them as chalice servers at Sunday service. The chalice carries the cross during the procession, leads the prayers of the people, and assists the priest with the sacraments. It's a great way to learn more about our liturgy and serve your community. Training will be provided, and you will serve every 4-8 weeks, depending on your schedule. Please contact the parish administrator @ secretary@st-mark.org

Summer Outreach box - Immigration Legal Defense through the Episcopal City Mission

In our continued partnership with the ECM, the outreach committee has committed to raise money for Immigrant Legal support.

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is hearing from churches across the Commonwealth—urban and rural, affluent and working-class—all united by growing concern over Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the shrinking access to legal protections for immigrants, including asylum seekers and families who arrived here legally.

St. Mark's will be raising money through the outreach box, the outreach fund, and personal donations (note on your donation - Immigration Legal Defense). Proceeds will go to support in <https://www.acefornewamericans.org/> in Lowell and individual parishes that ECM is helping provide legal support to immigrants. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Outreach committee.

Remembering Bob Shaw: August 9, 2025, at the First Parish Church

Bob Shaw passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, in Groton. His funeral will be at the First Parish Church in Westford at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025. His family is asking for donations in his name to [St. Paul's soup kitchen](#). Bob's obituary can be found at <https://obits.badgerfuneral.com/robert-shaw-jr>

St. Mark's News

Office Hours - Irina and/or Rev. Bergmann will be in the office on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an office appointment, please email secretary@st-mark.org or Rev. Bergmann at wcbgrm2n@gmail.com or call (978) 692-7849 and leave a voice message. Thank you.

The next Vestry Meeting is on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Scott Hilton if you would like to join.

Ongoing Ministries

St. Mark's Bible Study meets every other week on Wednesdays at a local restaurant to discuss the lectionary readings for the week. New members are welcome! If you'd like to join, e-mail Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com, and he will add you to the email distribution and send you the readings.

Pastoral Care: Want to receive communion? Need prayers for healing? Just want to talk to a priest? Please email or call Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com or call 978-501-8479. Herb heads up our Pastoral Care team and can have you added to the prayer list, arrange for a Pastoral Care team member to give you a call, send a card, or organize other support. Herb also has contact information for local clergy who have offered to respond to Pastoral Care needs. You can also use the "Request Pastoral Visit" button on St. Mark's website.